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The reply received 11/6/08 to the restriction requirement mailed 9/9/08 is acknowledged; however, applicant has not complied fully with the restriction requirement. The amendment to claim 50 changes the dependency of claims 50-53, necessitating an election of a single liver or pancreatic disease (species q" through d" at page 4 of the 9/9/08 restriction). Applicant should either change the dependency of claim 50 or elect a single liver or pancreatic disease, as directed in the restriction requirement.

The relevant species are recited below, for applicant's convenience. Applicant should refer to the original restriction requirement for the full requirement and conditions thereof. **Note that a one-month period for reply to this paper has been set.**

Disorders: (q") primary biliary cirrhosis, (r") hepatic cancer, (s") primary sclerosing cholangitis, (t") autoimmune chronic hepatitis, (u") alcoholic liver disease, (v") infectious hepatitis, (w") parasitic hepatic disease, (x") steatohepatitis, (y") hepatic toxicity, (z") acute pancreatitis, (a'') chronic pancreatitis, (b'') hereditary pancreatitis, (c'') pancreatic cancer, and (d'') diabetes, as in claims 51 and 52; elect ONE if Group I is elected. Claims 50 and 53 will be examined to the extent they are commensurate in scope with this election.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lora E. Barnhart whose telephone number is 571-272-1928. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 9:00am - 5:30pm.

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